

**REMARKS**

**A. The Section 103 Rejections**

Claims 1-32 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,812,953 to Griffith et al (“Griffith”) in view of newly cited U.S. Patent No. 7,266,371 to Amin et al (“Amin”). Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Initially, Applicants note the acknowledgement by the Examiner that Griffith does not disclose the step of “accessing an Internet Protocol-based network and transmitting the settings using the IP-based network” (see page 2 of Office Action). To make up for this deficiency the Examiner relies upon Amin.

Attached to this response and incorporated herein are the Declarations of each of the inventors in the instant application and supporting invention disclosure documentation attesting to the conception by the inventors prior to the effective filing date of Amin and due diligence from such conception date up until a constructive reduction practice of the claimed inventions.

More specifically, the Declarations set forth a conception date of at least as early as January 3, 2000 and due diligence up to, and including, the filing date of the present application on June 15, 2000. In contrast, Amin’s effective filing date appears to be February 22, 2000.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-32 under §103(a) based on the combination of Griffith and Amin.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3777 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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